

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

Upon installation of a new hardware or software component into a system, the operating system requires the user to identify a driver for that component, from among a plurality of drivers in perhaps different and unspecified locations. The invention enables the user to identify a common, do-nothing driver in a predetermined, known location, to satisfy the operating system's request, and to have the do-nothing driver subsequently deinstalled and a desired driver to be installed without the user having to specify the location of the desired driver.

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